

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

The Glasgow Eye Infirmary, Glasgow.—Miss Mary MacInnes has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and held the position of Assistant Matron at the La Panne Military Hospital, 1916-1917, Matron of the Royal Army Ordnance Depot Hospital, Nottingham, 1918-1920, and Matron of the Gogarburn Children's Institution, 1920-1923.

Isolation Hospital, Keighley.—Miss Mabel Carter has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the York Infirmary, and has also held appointments at the Clayton Hospital, the Union Infirmary, Leeds, the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has been on staff duty at Sir Berkeley Monihan's Home, Hyde Terrace, Leeds, and Sister at Morton Banks' Hospital for the past twelve months.

NIGHT SISTER.

Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.—Miss Catherine Caveney has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, and has been Sister at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, and Holiday Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan.

OPHTHALMIC AND HOME SISTER.

Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.—Miss Mary Bewick has been appointed Ophthalmic and Home Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, where she has held the position of Ward Sister and House-keeping Sister.

HEALTH VISITOR AND SCHOOL NURSE.

Isle of Ely County Council.—Miss Gertrude Morgan has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse. She was trained at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, and the Maternity Hospital, Leicester, and has been Health Visitor, School Nurse, Tuberculosis Visitor and Dispensary Nurse under the Salop County Council, and has held similar appointments at Manchester and Leicester.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Marian C. Bryant is appointed to Stamford; Miss Amy Burkin to Bideford; Miss Mary Lavin to Scarborough; Miss Sarah J. McDermott to Fitzwilliam; Miss Jane J. Morgan to Sunderland; Miss Annie M. Payne to Rothwell; Miss Marjorie Percival to Abingdon; Miss Vanda Pierpoint to Abingdon; Miss Bridget Regan to Shitlington; Miss Mabel Robinson to Huddersfield.

THE MONTHS.

JULY.

The climbing year slips gently o'er its crest,
Ere comes July in bravery full blown
To find it just a little past its best
And the rare freshness of its hey-day flown!
Rough destiny that Father Time has sped
Before her coming, past the longest day,
Leaving no choice but she must turn her head,
Not to look forward, but the other way!
That cuckoos hint at going home again
In tones as dulcet as the date allows,
And bigger fowl with perches in Park Lane.
Turn jaded glances Goodwood way and Cowes.

C. B. M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

A TOTALLY ILLEGAL PROCEEDING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—“College Methods” have long had a very definite meaning in the Nursing World, but that our Governing body should become infected by these methods, seems deplorable.

I send you some letters which I have also forwarded to the Minister of Health, that will show the manner in which the Nurses' business is being conducted now that the College of Nursing has entire control over the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and its officers.

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR COLLEGE MEMBERS. TOTALLY ILLEGAL.

The following letter was received by the College of Nursing, Ltd., about May 29th, 1923, being addressed to Miss Sheldon (its Registrar), and signed by the Registrar, Miss M. S. Riddell, of the General Nursing Council:—

“In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, you are quite correct in thinking that applications issued before July 14th will be accepted as in time for registration for Existing Nurses, even although the completed application does not reach this Office until after the closing date, July 14th. At the same time I have to point out that in issuing forms in bulk, care should be taken that the forms will be used and returned to this Office as soon as possible. A form issued, say this month, would be accepted if it were returned to this Office, say in twelve months' time, and for that reason we have ceased date stamping forms which are being issued in bulk to hospitals or organisations and now only date stamp those which are sent out to individuals. Your initialing of the date stamp would be a distinguishing mark which would prove helpful should any query arise.”

It is to be noted that no date stamp is to be put on application forms sent to the College and certain Hospitals (those, perhaps, whose Matrons are members of the College), and that the Registrar of the College is asked to initial the forms before sending them out. This would single out College members so that they could be given the privilege of being placed on the Register *after the 14th July*...

STRICT LETTER OF THE LAW FOR TRADES UNION NURSES.

The following letter was received by the Professional Union of Trained Nurses on June 12th, which shows plainly that the Professional Union is not to have the same privilege after July 14th as the College of Nursing:—

“In reply to your letter of June 11th, the last date on which an Existing Nurse can send in an application for registration is July 14th, 1923.”

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